



# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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March 17, 2005

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPT, APPROVE PREQUALIFIED BIDDERS, ADVERTISE, AND AWARD  
SAN GABRIEL HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT  
CONTROL AND PROTECTION SYSTEM UPGRADE  
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5  
3 VOTES**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY  
OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:**

1. Find that this project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Approve the project and adopt the plans and specifications for San Gabriel Hydroelectric Project Control and Protection System Upgrade at San Gabriel Dam, in the Angeles National Forest north of Azusa (5), at an estimated cost between \$450,000 and \$525,000.
3. Call for bids to be received on May 3, 2005.
4. Find that L & S Electric, Inc., and Voight Siemens Hydro Power Generation, Inc., are prequalified bidders.

5. Instruct the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to advertise the project and to seal and return the plans and specifications to Public Works for filing.
6. Authorize the Acting Director of Public Works to award the contract to a prequalified bidder, meeting the criteria established by your Board, for a not to exceed amount of \$550,000, and to deliver the project. Authorize the Acting Director of Public Works to execute a contract in the form previously approved by County Counsel and to establish the effective date following receipt of approved Faithful Performance and Labor and Materials Bonds and insurance certificates filed by the contractor.

#### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

This action involves contracting for the removal and replacement of the hydroelectric generating control system at San Gabriel Dam.

This project is part of Public Works' ongoing program for the repair and rehabilitation of flood control facilities.

#### **IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS**

This project is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence since it will provide for improved operation of the hydroelectric generating facility within San Gabriel Dam.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The estimated construction cost is in the range of \$450,000 to \$525,000.

Sufficient funds for this project are available to the Flood Control District for the Fiscal Year 2004-05.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The enclosed plans and specifications include the contractual provisions, methods, and material requirements necessary for this project. The contract agreement will be in the form previously approved by County Counsel.

Section 20101 of the Public Contract Code allows public entities to prequalify bidders for a contract subject to compliance with certain requirements.

As required by your Board, language has been incorporated into the project specifications stating that the contractor shall notify its employees, and shall require each subcontractor to notify its employees, that they may be eligible for the Federal Earned Income Credit under the Federal income tax laws.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 2, Subsection (e), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

This project will be contracted on the basis of competitive bids received from prequalified bidders. The contract will be awarded to the lowest responsible and responsive prequalified bidder who also meets the criteria established by your Board and the California Public Contract Code.

The specialized nature of the work to be performed and equipment to be furnished requires a contractor with demonstrated experience and capability in order to ensure a successful, economical project. As such, bidders for this project were prequalified in accordance with the requirements established in Section 20101 of the Public Contract Code. A notice inviting submittal of statements of qualifications and questionnaire was sent to contractors known to potentially have the experience and capability to perform the contract work. In addition, the notice was furnished to industry publications whose circulation includes prospective contractors. In response to this notice, two statements of qualifications and questionnaires were received. The questionnaires were reviewed by a panel of Department personnel knowledgeable of the project and the necessary qualifications. L & S Electric, Inc., and Voight Siemens Hydro Power Generation, Inc., were both found by the panel to have the required demonstrated experience and capability, and to have been responsive to the requirements in the questionnaire.

To increase contractor awareness of our program to contract work to the private sector, this project will be listed on the County website for upcoming bids.

The project specifications contain provisions (1) requiring the contractor to comply with the County's Child Support Compliance Program, (2) requiring the contractor to report solicitations of improper consideration by County employees and allowing the County to terminate the contract if it is found that the contractor offered or gave improper consideration to County employees, (3) requiring the contractor to comply with the requirements of the County's Contractor Employee Jury Service Program, and (4) requiring the contractor to comply with the Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law).

The project specifications also contain a provision that, should the contractor require additional or replacement personnel to fill employment openings, consideration shall be given to hiring qualified participants in the County's Greater Avenues for Independence or General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs.

To ensure that the contract is awarded to a responsible contractor with a satisfactory history of performance, bidders are required to report False Claims Act violations, labor law/payroll violations, debarments, their civil litigation history, and information regarding prior criminal convictions. The information reported will be considered before making a recommendation to award.

#### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

The project is to be completed in 60 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in July and be completed in October 2005. Flood control and water conservation operations at the dam will not be significantly disrupted during the construction.

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**CONCLUSION**

Please return one approved copy of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD L. WOLFE  
Acting Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office  
County Counsel  
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

SAN GABRIEL HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT  
CONTROL AND PROTECTION SYSTEM UPGRADE  
INSTRUCTION SHEET FOR PUBLISHING LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

From: Department of Public Works  
Construction Division

PUBLISHING

In accordance with Section 20991 of the Public Contract Code:

Publish: At least five or more times prior to the date set for opening bids, in a daily newspaper of general circulation printed and published in the County and designated by the Board, or for at least two times prior to such date in a weekly newspaper printed and published in the County and designated by the Board.

Time Limitation: To open bids in five weeks.

## NOTICE INVITING BIDS

Sealed Bids **from prequalified Bidders only** will be received by the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, Construction Division, for the furnishing and installation of a control and protection system, valve control panel, instrumentation, cable, conduit, and other appurtenant work under Project ID No. WRDM000009, San Gabriel Hydroelectric Project Control and Protection System Upgrade, at San Gabriel Dam, in the Angeles National Forest north of Azusa.

The Bids must be submitted at the Cashier's Office, located on the Mezzanine level, 900 South Fremont Avenue, Alhambra, California 91803-1331, before 11 a.m. on Tuesday, May 3, 2005. **Bids will only be accepted from prequalified Bidders.** The Bids will then be publicly opened and read in Conference Room A or at the location posted in the main lobby.

**A prebid meeting for this project will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 19, 2005, at the project site, Thomas Guide page 509, E-3. Attendance at this meeting by prequalified Bidders is mandatory for award of the Contract.**

The Work shall be done in accordance with the Plans and Specifications on file and open for inspection at the County Board of Supervisors Executive Office and the Department of Public Works. The Work is estimated to cost between \$450,000 and \$525,000 and shall be completed in 60 working days. The Work requires a California Class C10 contractor's license. Prebid questions regarding the Plans and Specifications should be directed to Mr. Roger Kohlenberger at (626) 458-4964.

The Bids must be submitted on the Proposal forms included in the Bidder's package of the Contract Documents, which may be purchased for \$18, if picked up at the aforementioned Cashier's Office, (626) 458-6959, Monday through Thursday between 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., or for \$20, if mailed, which includes postage and handling.

Each Bid must be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check, or surety bond payable to Los Angeles County in an amount equal to at least 10 percent of the Bid to guarantee that the Bidder will enter into the Contract if it is so awarded.

All persons performing the Work shall be paid not less than the General Prevailing Wage Determination prepared by the Director of Industrial Relations pursuant to the California Labor Code. Copies of these wage rates are available at the Department of Public Works.

The Bid must provide full disclosure of False Claims Act violations, labor law/payroll violations, debarments, and civil/criminal legal actions as provided for on the forms included as part of the Proposal. Failure to complete these forms may result in a determination that the Bidder is nonresponsive and/or not responsible.

The Contract, if awarded, will be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible Bidder; however, the Board of Supervisors reserves the right to reject any and all Bids.

A responsible Bidder is a Bidder who has demonstrated the attribute of trustworthiness, as well as quality, fitness, capacity, and experience to satisfactorily perform the Contract. It is the County's policy to conduct business only with responsible contractors.

The successful Bidder will be required to fully comply with all applicable State and Federal reporting requirements relating to employment reporting for its employees and comply with all lawfully served Wage and Earnings Assignment Orders and Notice of Assignment and continue to maintain compliance throughout the duration of the Contract. Failure to comply may be cause for termination of the Contract or initiation of debarment proceedings.

The successful Bidder will be required to submit a faithful performance bond, payment bond, liability insurance, and workers' compensation insurance with the Contract.

As provided for in Section 22300 of the California Public Contract Code, the Contractor may substitute securities for any monies withheld by the Department of Public Works to ensure performance under the Contract, or enter into an escrow agreement for payment of such monies to an escrow agent.

Para mas informacion con relacion a esta noticia, por favor llame a este numero (626) 458-3118. Nuestras horas de oficina son de 7 a.m. a 5:30 p.m. de Lunes a Jueves.

Each person by submitting a response to this Notice Inviting Bids certifies that such Bidder and each County lobbyist and County lobbying firm, as defined by Los Angeles County Code Section 2.160.010, retained by the Bidder, is in full compliance with Chapter 2.160 of the Los Angeles County Code.

The County supports and encourages equal opportunity contracting.

By order of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, State of California.

Dated March 29, 2005.

Violet Varona-Lukens  
Executive Officer  
of the Board of Supervisors

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